IST-Africa November 2008 Newsletter

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Dear Colleagues,

We hope you are keeping well. We would like to bring a number of important developments to your attention in this month's newsletter.

IST-Africa 2009 Conference - Call for Papers Extended Deadline 28 November

Hosted by Government of Uganda through the Ministry of ICT, IST-Africa 2009 Conference & Exhibition will take place 06 - 08 May 2009 in Uganda.

Part of the IST-Africa Initiative, which is supported by the European Commission under the ICT Theme of Framework Programme 7 (FP7), IST-Africa 2009 is the fourth in an Annual Conference Series which brings together senior representatives from leading commercial, government & research organisations across Africa and from Europe, to bridge the Digital Divide by sharing knowledge, experience, lessons learnt and good practice and discussing policy related issues.

The Call for Papers can be downloaded from
http://www.ist-africa.eu/Conference2009/files/ISTAfrica2009_CallForPapers.pdf

Important Deadlines:
Online submission deadline for full paper or workshop proposal: **28 November 2008**
Acceptance decision: 26 January 2009
Final Paper Submission: 20 February 2009

The scientific programme for IST-Africa 2009 is based on an open Call for Papers and the conference language is English.

Interested presenters are encouraged to prepare an 8 page paper (4,000 - 5,000) words following the IST-Africa 2009 paper guidelines and paper template for submission online by 28 November. Please observe the Paper Guidelines available at www.ist-africa.eu/conference2009/default.asp?page=paperguidelines and use the Paper Template provided when preparing your paper.

All submissions will be double blind reviewed by the International Programme Committee and authors will receive feedback in late January. Accepted authors will then be invited to submit a final paper taking account of feedback provided for inclusion in the conference proceedings by end of February.

Core Thematic Priorities for IST-Africa 2009
- eHealth - Health Information Systems
- Technology Enhanced Learning & ICT Skills
- Digital Libraries and Content
- Open Source Software Applications
- ICT for eInclusion and eAccessibility
- eInfrastructures
- ICT for Environmental Sustainability
- Networked Enterprise
- eGovernment - Secure Services to Citizens & Business

More information is available at
www.ist-africa.eu/Conference2009/default.asp?page=priorities

IST-Africa 2009 is Technical Co-Sponsored by IEEE UKRI Computer Chapter, IEEE Ghana Section, IEEE Kenya Section, IEEE Nigeria Section and IEEE Nigeria Computer Chapter.

FP7-ICT-Call 4 Open 19 Nov '08, Deadline 01 April '09

The FP7-ICT Work Programme for 2009 - 2010 was published on 19 November 2008. Please download it from ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/ict/docs/ict-wp-2009-10_en.pdf

Call 4 is now open with a deadline for online submission of proposals of 01 April. For more information, please visit
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=185

More information is available at http://www.ist-africa.eu/home/default.asp?page=fp7

IST-Africa Guide to ICT Research

The IST-Africa Consortium is compiling a Guide to ICT Research Capacity in Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda. This will be published as an online book on an iterative basis with the final report published in 2009.

This online book provides an overview of Framework Programme 7, funding instruments and examples of projects funded under FP6 & FP7 focused on cooperation with Sub-Saharan Africa.

Each country section provides an introduction, an overview of the ICT National Strategy, national research agenda and activities, identification of areas for research co-operation with the EU under FP7 and links to profiles of high potential research organisations.

The initial sections for Botswana and Uganda are now available online. Other countries will be published on an iterative basis.

Please visit http://www.ist-africa.org/home/default.asp?page=guide-ictrc

IST-Africa at ICT 2008

IST-Africa is showcased in the International Village of the ICT 2008 Exhibition in Lyon, 25 - 27 November. Please visit us at Stand D.11 to learn more about cooperation with Sub-Saharan research organisations and IST-Africa 2009.

To learn more about ICT 2008, please visit
http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2008/index_en.htm

ACP-ST Programme - Call for Proposals Opening Soon

The ACP Science and Technology Programme focused on Science and Technology will open in the coming weeks. It is funded by the European Union (from the IXth European Development Fund and the European Union's General Budget BL 21.031700) and implemented by the ACP Secretariat. Please go to www.acp-st.eu for more information.

Upcoming Events

INCONTACT Workshop, South Africa, 1 - 2 December 2008

http://www.ncp-incontact.eu

The Department of Science and Technology South Africa is hosting the INCONTACT workshop on 01 - 02 December 2008. The workshop aims to build African regional capacity in relation to FP7 understanding, improve the ability of officially designed FP7 National Information Points in Africa to promote FP7 participation in their countries and facilitate networking between African NIPs and EU International Cooperation National Contact points. INCONTACT is an FP7 funded project.

6th EuroAfriCa-ICT Concertation Meeting, Brussels, 10 December 2008

http://euroafrica-ict.org/events/concertation_meetings.php

The 6th EuroAfriCa-ICT Concertation Meeting organised with the support of the European Commission's DG Information Media and Society (DG INFSO) will take place at the European Commission premises in Brussels, Belgium on 10 December 2008. Envisioned agenda items include keynote addresses on roles and visions of ICT research cooperation between Europe, the Caribbean and sub-Saharan Africa, sharing perspectives on the way forward in light of the recent EU-AU partnership implementation for Science, Information society and Space as well as introduction and guidelines on the next FP7 ICT Call 4. Registration is free but pre-registration is compulsory.

IST-Africa Initiative

IST-Africa (Regional Impact of Information Society Technologies in Africa) is a collaborative Initiative between IIMC (Ireland, Coordinator), Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology (Botswana), Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology (Lesotho), Commonwealth Network of Information Technology for Development (Malta), ICT Policy Implementation Technical Unit (Mozambique), Ministry of Education (Namibia), Wits Commercial Enterprise (Pty) Ltd (South Africa), COSTECH - Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology, and Uganda National Council for Science and Technology.

Over 2008 - 2009 with support from DG Information Society and Media under FP7, IST-Africa will focus on raising wider awareness of African research capacity, promote participation of African organizations in the ICT Theme of FP7 (FP7-ICT) and identify co-operation opportunities in fields of mutual interest. The goal is to increase visibility of mutual RTD potential and network relevant European and African stakeholders.

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